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### Note of the Secretariat:

According to the "Rules and commitments of ACCOBAMS Partners", reflected in Annex 2 of Resolution 7.9, adopted by MOP7:

*"Before each Meeting of the Parties, ACCOBAMS Partners shall report on the implementation of their activities and on the use of the ACCOBAMS Partner logo. To this end, their reports shall reach the Permanent Secretariat and the relevant National Focal Point at the latest two months before the Bureau meeting held to prepare the Meeting of the Parties."*

23 Partners have provided the Secretariat with a report on their activities for the 2023-2025 period.

The current document is a brief synthesis of the relevant capacity building, public awareness and research activities and the use of the ACCOBAMS Partner logo reported by ACCOBAMS Partners for the 2023-2025 period in the framework of the implementation of the Agreement.

Full reports appear in information document: ACCOBAMS-MOP9/2025/Inf06.

### 1. Capacity Building Activities

Entity	Capacity Building Activities
Archipelagos Institute of Marine Conservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year-round field and laboratory research including training for ~500 scientists, researchers, and students</li> <li>• Hands-on fieldwork; collaboration with international NGOs, universities, local communities and authorities</li> <li>• Multidisciplinary educational programmes</li> </ul>
Delphis NGO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quarterly volunteer meetings</li> <li>• Citizen science training for marine mammal surveys</li> <li>• Specialized workshops for dolphin photo-identification</li> <li>• Ongoing volunteer certification</li> </ul>
DeITa APS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ocean literacy activities</li> <li>• Lectures at University of Trieste</li> <li>• Educational board game development</li> </ul>
DMAD (Marine Mammals Research Association)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online and field workshops in Türkiye and Montenegro</li> <li>• Training in species identification, survey techniques, GIS, and acoustic monitoring</li> <li>• Focus on empowering female students</li> </ul>
EcoOcéan Institut	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certification of 20 "Highly Qualified MMO/PAM"</li> <li>• School presentations on cetacean research</li> <li>• Professional training for marine construction workers on noise impacts and legal frameworks</li> </ul>
EDMAKTUB Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Team formation activities</li> <li>• Internal research presentations</li> <li>• Training in drone use for cetacean study</li> </ul>
Green Balkans NGO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• University lectures on cetacean biology and research methods</li> <li>• Participation in international working groups and workshops</li> <li>• Training in bycatch mitigation and acoustic monitoring</li> </ul>

Groupe de Recherche sur les Cétacés (GREC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual cetology courses</li> <li>• training on noise pollution and cetaceans</li> </ul>
IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capacity building through publications and stakeholder engagement</li> </ul>
KYMA Sea Conservation & Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Citizen science cruises</li> <li>• training non-experts in research methods</li> </ul>
Madeira Whale Museum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training sessions for whale-watching operators</li> <li>• Webinars on genetic data collection</li> </ul>
Mare Nostrum NGO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National training for authorities and stakeholders on marine mammals</li> <li>• Training for stranding monitoring network members and new volunteers</li> </ul>
Marecamp Associazione ODV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specialized training for students and early-career researchers</li> <li>• Internships, field research, and workshops on cetacean observation and sustainable tourism</li> </ul>
Morigenos - Slovenian Marine Mammal Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morigenos academy: providing educational opportunities for young people</li> <li>• Dolphin centre: key capacity-building initiative that fosters research, education, and community engagement</li> <li>• Hands-on research and fieldwork for students and professionals</li> </ul>
OceanCare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support for researchers, institutions, and organisations in several countries contributing to capacity building in marine conservation.</li> <li>• workshops on issues like ocean noise, vessel strikes, plastic pollution, and dolphin–fishery interactions.</li> <li>• Development of MPA management plans, promoting stakeholder engagement and providing scientific advice to policymakers and industry.</li> <li>• Training of personnel and volunteers to improve responses to marine strandings.</li> </ul>
Oceanomare Delphis APS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partnerships with MPAs and research institutes</li> <li>• Field training for students</li> <li>• Team building and mentoring for new researchers</li> </ul>
Swiss Cetacean Society (SCS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaboration with partners for data collection and research logistics</li> <li>• Support for training and capacity building in the Mediterranean and beyond</li> </ul>
Tethys Research Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training courses for teachers and students</li> <li>• Direct involvement in fieldwork and data analysis</li> <li>• Citizen science programmes in Italy and Greece</li> </ul>
Turkish Marine Research Foundation (TUDAV)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation in national stranding network</li> <li>• Updating monitoring guidelines</li> <li>• Training for cetacean monitoring</li> </ul>
Universitat de València	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation in congresses and workshops</li> <li>• Student training at all levels</li> <li>• Coordination of stranding network</li> </ul>
We Are Méditerranée	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capacity building through research expeditions and biodiversity inventories</li> </ul>
Whale and Dolphin Conservation (WDC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation in marine debris workshops</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support for capacity building in conservation</li> </ul>
Yacht Club of Monaco	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental training for youth</li> </ul>

## 2. Public Awareness Activities

Entity	Public Awareness Activities
Archipelagos Institute of Marine Conservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year-round awareness campaigns for local communities</li> <li>• Media outreach</li> <li>• Citizen science via Eco-Navigation</li> <li>• Documentaries and international articles</li> </ul>
Delphis NGO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual photography competition</li> <li>• Educational programmes in 140+ schools</li> <li>• Guided tours at the Dolphin and Sea Centre</li> <li>• Seminars for educators</li> </ul>
DeITa APS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Citizen science on ferry lines</li> <li>• Public engagement on marine litter</li> </ul>
DMAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sighting networks and citizen science platforms</li> <li>• Documentary production</li> <li>• School presentations</li> <li>• Dolphins watch tours and stakeholder meetings</li> </ul>
EcoOcéan Institut	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Nouvel Horizon” sea trips for children with cancer</li> <li>• Public conferences</li> <li>• Media appearances</li> <li>• Educational games and workshops</li> </ul>
EDMAKTUB Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research days for public</li> <li>• School talks</li> <li>• TV and radio interviews</li> </ul>
Green Balkans NGO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Black Sea Action Day events</li> <li>• Distribution of educational materials</li> <li>• Radio interviews</li> <li>• Children’s books on dolphins</li> </ul>
Groupe de Recherche sur les Cétacés (GREC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Website and social media updates</li> <li>• Thematic meetings</li> <li>• Public lectures</li> </ul>
IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publication on Mediterranean cetacean status</li> </ul>
KYMA Sea Conservation & Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social media campaigns</li> <li>• School presentations</li> <li>• Public exhibitions</li> </ul>
Madeira Whale Museum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public awareness events</li> <li>• Workshops for whale-watching companies</li> </ul>
Mare Nostrum NGO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dolphin Day events</li> <li>• Media campaigns</li> <li>• Citizen science groups for dolphin sightings</li> <li>• Awareness campaigns on beaches and social media</li> </ul>

Marecamp Associazione ODV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• European maritime days</li> <li>• Interactive workshops and cleanups</li> <li>• Dolphin-watching tours</li> <li>• Social media engagement</li> </ul>
Morigenos - Slovenian Marine Mammal Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dolphin Day in Piran</li> <li>• “Adopt a dolphin” campaign</li> <li>• Educational boat trips</li> <li>• Public events and lectures</li> </ul>
OceanCare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication through a bilingual website, social media (Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn), and media briefings targeting stakeholders and decision-makers.</li> <li>• Events and visits schools to raise awareness about marine ecosystem health, ship speed impacts, and plastic pollution.</li> <li>• publications, including peer-reviewed papers, reports, and articles, often in collaboration with partner organisations.</li> </ul>
Oceanomare Delphis APS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentaries</li> <li>• Museum events</li> <li>• Participation in cultural festivals</li> <li>• Social media management</li> </ul>
Swiss Cetacean Society (SCS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conferences, school talks, and public events</li> <li>• Marine ecology camps for youth</li> <li>• Awareness-raising for eco-volunteers</li> </ul>
Tethys Research Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Media presence; citizen science projects</li> <li>• Educational web platforms</li> <li>• Public seminars and comic books</li> </ul>
Turkish Marine Research Foundation (TUDAV)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dolphin watching for children</li> <li>• Translation and dissemination of press releases</li> <li>• Social media outreach</li> </ul>
Universitat de València	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EXPOCIÈNCIA open day</li> <li>• Talks at fishermen’s events</li> <li>• Public books and workshops</li> </ul>
We Are Méditerranée	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public awareness through research expeditions and biodiversity valorisation</li> </ul>
WDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No information provided</li> </ul>
Yacht Club of Monaco	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sea festival</li> <li>• Sailing races with awareness initiatives</li> <li>• Environmental education for youth</li> </ul>

### 3. Research Activities

Entity	Research Activities
Archipelagos Institute of Marine Conservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 182 boat-based and 80 land-based surveys</li> <li>• Acoustic and photo-id monitoring</li> <li>• Stranding network</li> <li>• Studies on threats such as fisheries, noise, and plastics</li> </ul>
Delphis NGO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitoring of Mediterranean monk seal</li> <li>• Habitat surveys</li> <li>• Stranding response and necropsies</li> <li>• Database of marine mammal sightings</li> </ul>
DeITa APS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sighting data collection via ferry lines and citizen science</li> <li>• Database of cetacean and turtle sightings and strandings</li> </ul>
DMAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seasonal and opportunistic surveys in Türkiye</li> <li>• Weekly and monthly surveys in Montenegro</li> <li>• Threat assessments and population studies</li> </ul>
EcoOcéan Institut	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation in FLT Med Net for long-term monitoring</li> <li>• REGALCEMED project on cetacean diets</li> <li>• Mapping of marine litter and recreational boating</li> </ul>
EDMAKTUB Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fin Whale Project; presence and migration studies</li> <li>• Drone research</li> </ul>
Green Balkans NGO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vessel surveys in the Black Sea</li> <li>• Bycatch mitigation trials</li> <li>• Acoustic monitoring</li> <li>• Data analysis and publication</li> </ul>
Groupe de Recherche sur les Cétacés (GREC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Field research in Liguria and Provence</li> <li>• Passive acoustics</li> <li>• Development of PADOCC app</li> <li>• Photo-ID monitoring</li> </ul>
IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publication on Mediterranean cetacean status</li> </ul>
KYMA Sea Conservation & Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cetacean surveys in Tyrrhenian and Ionian Seas</li> <li>• Research on macro- and microplastics</li> </ul>
Madeira Whale Museum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cetacean and turtle monitoring</li> <li>• Stranding network</li> <li>• Genetic data collection.</li> </ul>
Mare Nostrum NGO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitoring with F-pods and photo-ID</li> <li>• Stranding network</li> <li>• Abundance and distribution assessments</li> <li>• Environmental impact studies</li> </ul>
Marecamp Associazione ODV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Population dynamics studies in the Gulf of Catania</li> <li>• Research on fisheries interactions</li> <li>• Participation in international projects and conferences</li> </ul>
Morigenos - Slovenian Marine Mammal Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year-round monitoring of bottlenose dolphins</li> <li>• Genetic, acoustic, and ecological studies</li> <li>• Participation in Interreg projects</li> </ul>

OceanCare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dolphin status and distribution in the Adriatic Sea.</li> <li>• Monitoring cetaceans' distribution and abundance and field research including sample and data analysis.</li> <li>• Developing and implementing a Sperm Whale detection system in the Strait of Kythira (SAvE Whales project).</li> <li>• Creating the world's first integrated acoustic observatory to locate sperm whales and inform ships to prevent collisions.</li> <li>• Studying interactions between cetaceans and fisheries.</li> </ul>
Oceanomare Delphis APS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long-term monitoring (Ischia Dolphin Project)</li> <li>• Mark-recapture and photo-ID studies</li> <li>• Collaboration on sperm whale habitat modelling</li> </ul>
Swiss Cetacean Society (SCS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data collection expeditions</li> <li>• Support for partner research on cetacean distribution and bioacoustics</li> <li>• Monitoring of human-cetacean interactions</li> </ul>
Tethys Research Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long-term research in the Ionian Sea and Pelagos Sanctuary</li> <li>• eDNA and blue carbon studies</li> <li>• Satellite telemetry for fin whales</li> </ul>
Turkish Marine Research Foundation (TUDAV)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passive acoustic monitoring</li> <li>• Cetacean stranding monitoring</li> <li>• Population genetics studies</li> <li>• Environmental impact assessments</li> </ul>
Universitat de València	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stranding network coordination</li> <li>• Spatial modelling; surveys and water sampling</li> <li>• Publication of scientific articles</li> </ul>
We Are Méditerranée	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biodiversity inventories</li> <li>• Vigidna analyses</li> <li>• Environmental parameter studies</li> </ul>
Whale and Dolphin Conservation (WDC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research on cetacean culture</li> <li>• Participation in bycatch and marine debris working groups</li> </ul>
Yacht Club of Monaco	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of SEA Index, which aims to reduce CO2 emissions in the yachting sector</li> </ul>

#### 4. Use of the ACCOBAMS Partner Logo

Entity	Use of the ACCOBAMS Partner Logo
Archipelagos Institute of Marine Conservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Displayed on all research boats and stakeholder presentations.</li> </ul>
Delphis NGO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Displayed on website; not used in other media or publication during 2023-2025</li> </ul>
DeITa APS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Displayed on webpage.</li> </ul>
DMAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Used during outreach activities.</li> </ul>
EcoOcéan Institut	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Used occasionally; plans to increase visibility.</li> </ul>
EDMAKTUB Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not used for private projects.</li> </ul>
Green Balkans NGO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Used during presentations and capacity building and public awareness activities.</li> </ul>
Groupe de Recherche sur les Cétacés (GREC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not used.</li> </ul>
IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No information communicated</li> </ul>
KYMA Sea Conservation & Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Used on website.</li> </ul>
Madeira Whale Museum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Used in training sessions for whale-watching operators.</li> </ul>
Mare Nostrum NGO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Used in all activities and materials.</li> </ul>
Marecamp Associazione ODV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Used on documents, reports, website, social media, and events.</li> </ul>
Morigenos - Slovenian Marine Mammal Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Used on website.</li> </ul>
OceanCare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No information communicated.</li> </ul>
Oceanomare Delphis APS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Used on website and MMO/PAM courses.</li> </ul>
Swiss Cetacean Society (SCS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Used on website, reports, and letterhead.</li> </ul>
Tethys Research Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No information communicated.</li> </ul>
Turkish Marine Research Foundation (TUDAV)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Used in press releases.</li> </ul>
Universitat de València	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Used in MEDACES website.</li> </ul>
We Are Méditerranée	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Used on website.</li> </ul>
Whale and Dolphin Conservation (WDC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not used in 2023–2025 publications.</li> </ul>
Yacht Club of Monaco	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No information communicated.</li> </ul>